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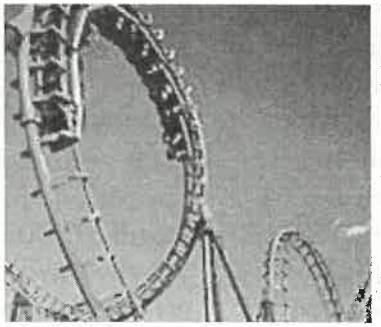
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS VENUE TO CHANGE?

The USKA World Championships have been held in New Orleans, Louisiana since1990. For the past 15 years, New Orleans has been a wonderful host city to the event with great facilities, and so much to see and do. But Hurricane Katrina has given the Crescent City much to do to recover. We do hope it doesn't take too long for its vital tourist industry to recover; returning many citizens back to work. In the meantime, it has been a difficult task to find a facility and demograph to support the World Championships.

Dr. David Jordan has considered several possible sites, and is pleased to announce the location for the **2006 World Championships: Dallas, Texas!** The new World dates will be **August 3-6, 2006,** so mark your calendars! The Headquarters Hotel and Tournament Location will be the **Hotel InterContinental Dallas** in the Dallas/Addison area, a pleasant near-north suburb. There's so much to do in the area, you'll want to take a little extra vacation time. Within a 2-mile area are over 100 restaurants and loads of shopping.



You can spend the day doing world-class shopping for diamonds to demin at the Galleria Dallas, and take a break for some ice skating at their beautiful ice skating rink. Numerous theatres and fine art museums of all types are within a 15-mile area of the hotel. Just 25 miles away are the Six Flags Over Texas and Six

Flags Hurricane Harbor for those looking for some fun and adventure. Six Flags over Texas is opening 10 new rides this Spring so don't miss the thrills there!

So we'll look for you in Dallas, Texas this August for the 2006 USKA World Championships!

NM STATE REPRESENTATIVES RETIRE AFTER 12 YEARS

The 2005 USKA New Mexico State Championships held November 5, 2005 were the last state championships to be held by **Richard & Cindy Long** as USKA New Mexico State Representatives. Mr. & Mrs. Long have been the New Mexico State Representatives for the last 12 years, and felt it was time to let someone else fill the roll.

They will still remain active in the martial arts, and are planning to host the **Tamara Long-Archuleta Memorial Karate Tournament** in the Fall of 2006. The proceeds from the tournament will be put toward the scholarship fund they have established in honor of their daughter for home-schooled students who go full-time to the UNM-Valencia Campus. Tamara Long-Archuleta was a Pavehawk helicopter pilot killed while on a rescue mission in Afghanistan in March of 2003. She was an exceptional martial artist, and had been active on the tournament circuit; she was a three-time USKA Kata World Champion in her age group.

The USKA Directors, James H. Hawkes & Dr. David Jordan, would like to thank Richard & Cindy Long for their many years of service, support, continued friendship, and contributions to the martial arts. They look forward to seeing them at future Alliance events. **Thank you, Richard & Cindy Long!**

DALLIS MEIERING REPEATS GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP AT PKC

Dallis Meiering took Grand Champion honors in the 10 years & under Kyu Forms Division at the 2005 PKC Nationals, repeating his victory there from 2004. The PKC International Karate Championships were held September 2-4, 2005 in Indianapolis, IN. This is an Alliance Double Maximum Point event, and is always a great tournament. The event is hosted by **Glenn R. Keeney**, President of the Professional Karate Commission.

Dallis Meiering is a 9 year old Green Belt who studies under **Lee Kittell** at Jim Hawkes Karate in Albuquerque, NM. He enjoys performing the Kata Seiunshin, showing his low stances and fighting spirit. He had an outstanding weekend of competition. He not only repeated his Grand Championship Forms win, but also placed 1st in Weapons, and 2nd in Sparring. Congratulations, Dallis Meiering!

SUBMIT YOUR RULE PROPOSALS NOW

All proposed amendments to the Rules must be submitted to Alliance Headquarters by February14th. (The deadline has been extended due to the mailing date of this Bulletin.) They may be submitted by mail to: P.O. Box 8643, Albuquerque, NM 87198, E-mail: uska@uska.net, or Fax: 505-831-5339. Please confirm receipt of your proposals so we may be sure all proposals are included for consideration at the 2006 USKA National Convention to be held March 31st during the USKA Nationals.

Please include the following with your proposals: The appropriate Rulebook section to be changed; the reason for the change; the advantages and disadvantages of the change; and when it should be implemented. We look forward to seeing you at 9:00 am on March 31st at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North for the USKA National Convention.

FREQUENTLY ASKED NATIONAL QUESTIONS

I'm a Black Belt, do I have to qualify to compete at Nationals?
No, the USKA Nationals are open to All Black Belts.

I am not a Black Belt yet, how do I qualify to compete at Nationals?
In order to qualify to compete in Forms, Sparring, or Weapons, Adult Brown Belts, Colored Belts, and Beginners must have placed 1st thru 4th at the 2005 Alliance Nationals, 2005 Alliance World Championships, a 2005/2006 Alliance State or Regional Championship, or be in the top ten of the Alliance 2006 National Point Standings. PKC Nationally & State ranked competitors are also qualified. Once a competitor has qualified, even in one event, they are qualified to compete in any or all events offered at Nationals.

Are there any qualifying tournaments left before Nationals?
Yes, there's the USKA South Central Regionals in Ruston, LA on February 4th, the USKA Arizona State Championships in Phoenix, AZ on February 11th, and the USKA Last Chance Qualifier on March 30th in Albuquerque, NM.

How many competitors make up a team in the various Team Events?
Team Kata and Team Kumite each consists of three-person teams. Remember, we're trying something new this year for team Kumite – Teams will consist of one female, and two male competitors. Be sure to start setting up your teams now! If you need help finding a fellow competitor to be on your team, call your state or regional representative, or call us here at headquarters.

Are the seminars open to children?
The Annual Seminars held on Sunday, April 2nd are open to all martial artists of all ages, ranks, and styles. Our seminar instructors are experienced instructors who are able to work with all levels of martial artist. The Self Defense Instructor's Seminar asks that the martial artist be 18 years or older, and at least a Brown Belt in order to be Certified. Don't miss this chance to train and enrich your knowledge with these much requested, accomplished instructors.

PROMOTION CONGRATULATIONS!

Ray Porter	Purple Belt
Ian Porter	Purple Belt
Parker Carwile	3rd Class Brown Belt
Keli Wilkie	Junior Black Belt
Kirt "Kasey" Cox	2nd Degree Black Belt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rules & Referee Seminars and Score Keepers & Time Keepers Seminars:

New Mexico: A Rules & Referee and Score Keepers & Time Keepers Seminar will be held on Friday, March 31, 2006 during the USKA Nationals & Annual Seminar in Albuquerque, NM.

Arizona: A Rules & Referee Seminar will be held at 8:00 am, February 11, 2006, during the Arizona State Championships in Phoenix, AZ

Texas: A Rules & Referee Seminar will be held in Dallas, TX during the World Championships in August 2006.

Hall of Fame Meeting:
The next Hall of Fame Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2006 during the 2006 Nationals Tournament & Annual Seminar.

USKA Website:
The USKA Website has a whole new look! Please visit us online at www.uska.net!

Next Bulletin:
The next issue of the Bushido Bulletin will Feature our Defending Black Belt National Champions.

Team Competitors:
Begin putting your teams together now for Team Kumite and Team Kata competition at the National Championships.

United States Karate Alliance Hall of Fame, An honor awarded for Spirited Fighting, Outstanding Achievement, and Lifetime Dedication to the Martial Arts.

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2006 NATIONALS TOURNAMENT AND ANNUAL SEMINAR

March 30 – April 2, 2006

at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North in Albuquerque, New Mexico

2006 USKA Nationals Tournament

Alliance Nationals Tournament Open to *All Black Belts* of All Styles
Kata, Kumite, & Weapons Competitors Under the Rank of Black Belt Must Qualify to compete.

*** KATA * KUMITE * WEAPONS * COMPETITION!**

*** KOSHIKI * CHANBARA * *MUSICAL KATA * IAIDO * COMPETITION!**

Get your Teams together Now for: * TEAM KATA * TEAM SPARRING *

Koshiki, Chanbara, Musical Kata, Iaido, Team Kata, and Team Sparring Competitors Do NOT have to Qualify to Compete. These Events are OPEN to Competitors of ALL Ranks & ALL Styles

* SEMINARS with Nationally Recognized Instructors*

Seminars are Open to Martial Artists of All Ranks and Styles and will be held on Sunday

*Judging and Referee Seminar *

Rules Seminar held on Friday

National Convention

Alliance Annual National Convention held Friday (Rule Proposals are considered)

Kobudo (Weapons) Testing

Last Chance Qualifying Tournament

Qualifying Tournament Held Thursday Afternoon

In order to qualify to compete in Kata, Kumite, or Weapons at the National Tournament, competitors under Black Belt must have placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd , or 4th at the 2005 Alliance Nationals, 2005 Alliance World Championships (Kata, Kumite, or Weapons Divisions), 2005 PKC Nationals (Kata, Kumite, or Weapons Divisions), a 2005/2006 Point -Year Alliance State or Regional Championship (Kata, Kumite, or Weapons Divisions), 2006 Last Chance Qualifying Tournament, or be in the Alliance 2005/2006 National Point Standings. PKC Nationally & State Ranked Competitors are also qualified.

Make your room reservations for the United States Karate Alliance Nationals Tournament and Annual Seminar at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North in Albuquerque, NM
Call 1-505-821-3333, and mention the "U.S. Karate Alliance Nationals."

For more information & to receive the Tournament Flyer contact:

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